

Requests for Specific Aid: FERRARD, ERNEST T.

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The cable below for McClelland is WRB 313.

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text of this message must
be closely guarded.

Please deliver paraphrase of the following message to
Sally Mayer from M. A. Leavitt, American Jewish Joint Distri-
bution Committee:

QUOTE Please ask Swiss Minister Budapest Maximilian
Jaeger to trace and give all possible help and protection to
Isela (Frau Dr. Max) Freund, born June 7, 1854, in Arad,
address until March 1944, Margitkorut 64/B, Budapest II, at
present probably c/o Architect Emil Vidor, Liezt Ferenc Ter,
Budapest VI. She is mother of Dr. Ernest T. Ferand, who is
close personal friend of Jaeger. UNQUOTE

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 11 1972

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CABLE TO HUDDLE, BERN, FOR MCCLELLAND FROM WAR REFUGEE BOARD

Please deliver the following message to Saly Mayer from M. A. Leavitt,

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee:

QUOTE PLEASE ASK SWISS MINISTER BUDAPEST MAXIMILIAN JAEGER TO TRACE AND GIVE ALL POSSIBLE HELP AND PROTECTION TO GISELA (FRAU DR. MAX) FREUND, BORN JUNE 7, 1854, IN ARAD, ADDRESS UNTIL MARCH 1944, MARGITKORUT 64/B, BUDAPEST II, AT PRESENT PROBABLY c/o ARCHITECT EMIL VIDOR, LISZT FERENC TER, BUDAPEST VI. SHE IS MOTHER OF DR. ERNEST T. FERAND, WHO IS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF JAEGER UNQUOTE

THIS IS WRB BERN CABLE NO. 313.

1:45 p.m.
December 6, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Soc'y) Abrahamson, Ackermann, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Mannon, McCormack, Files

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Dec. 5, 1944



THE WILLARD HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Jim,

I am enclosing herewith the letter from Dr. Ferand
about which I spoke to you.

I would deeply appreciate anything you can do in
this case; my interest derives alike from my connection
with the new school and from the fact that Dr. Ferand
is a close friend of my mother-in-law, Mrs. Alice Politzki.
I know him to be a man of particular distinction.

Thanks very much indeed for anything you can
do.

Cordially,

Louis S. Weiss

Mr. Albert Abramson
War Refugee Board
Washington
D.C.

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DR. ERNST T. FERAND
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Nov 21, 1944

November 25, 1944

Mr. Louis S. Weiss
61 Broadway
New York City

Dear Mr. Weiss:

May I assume that my name is familiar to you, either from the New School catalogue, or due to the fact that I had the pleasure of meeting you and Mrs. Weiss in the home of Mrs. Pollitzer and also in that of Dr. Spitz.

I am writing you to ask for your professional advice and assistance in a matter which is worrying me for months, in which, in spite of all my efforts, I am not able to make headway.

The reason for not making a personal call at your office is the fact that my present duties with a Government agency make it impossible for me to see you during regular office hours.

I am deeply worried about the fate of my dear old mother, widow of a well-known lawyer, living in Budapest in mortal danger. She is a remarkable personality, admired and beloved by all of her numerous friends. The last news I had of her was through friends in Switzerland, who gave me the reassuring news that in June, on her nintieth birthday, she was still in good health and in full possession of her high intellectual capacities. At the same time, however, I learned that she left her apartment she occupied for the last thirty years and moved to relatives of our's. What may have happened to all of them I do not dare to think of.

I have many and influential friends in Switzerland, yet I did not succeed in giving them any directives, because of the strict censorship regulations. The most tantalizing thought is the fact that I am personally acquainted with the Swiss Minister in Budapest, Dr. Maximilian Jaeger, who, at the time when he was Swiss Ambassador in Vienna, used to visit me at Laxenburg Castle when I was director of the Hellerau College there. If I had only a chance to inform Minister Jaeger of my mother's plight, I am sure, he would immediately extend to her the protection of the Swiss Legation and find an opportunity to send her to Switzerland to my friends.

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There is, however, a new and even better chance of protecting my mother. I have been informed confidentially that the State Department, in certain exceptional cases, has authorized the Swiss Legation in Budapest, charged with the protection of American interests there, to issue protective passports for Jews living in Hungary having close relatives in America.

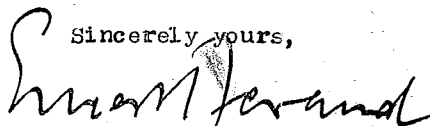
My idea is to address a petition, either to the State Department or to President Roosevelt, or to both, asking for the immediate issuance of a protective passport or emergency visa for my mother. In this petition I wanted to point to the fact that I am very proud having just received my citizenship papers, that I have been entrusted with highly confidential, secret work for the Government, that I am wellknown to the Swiss Minister and that a highly valuable life, widely respected for humanitarian and charitable activities, could be saved by quick action. I thought even to mention the fact that my mother was born in the same year as was the mother of the President.

I trust this information will suffice to enable you to form an opinion as to what steps should be taken in order to assure a quick success. I add the following personal data: Gisela (Frau Dr. Max) Freund, born June 7, 1854, in Arad (then Hungary, now Rumania); address until March (?), 1944, Margit körut 64/B, Budapest II, at present probably c/o Architect Emil Vidor, Liszt Ferenc tér, Budapest VI.

Assumed that you generally approve of my idea, would you be good enough to formulate a petition, or petitions, to Mr. Hull and/or the President, on the basis of the information as given above?

I should appreciate your letting me know at your earliest convenience whether you would be ready to assist me in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Ernest T. Ferand

PS. I am enclosing copy of a letter from the acting executive director of the American Red Cross, dated November 21, in reply to my request to transmit a cable to Minister Jaeger.

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The American Red Cross
New York Chapter

November 21, 1944

My dear Dr. Brand:

I am answering your letter of November 19, 1944, as General Davis passed away in September of this year.

I regret very much that the Red Cross would not be able to send the cablegram suggested by you as according to the regulations of the United States censor it is not possible to send a message concerning a third person. You say that you have many friends in Switzerland and it is my thought that through one of your friends in Switzerland it would be possible to reach the Swiss Minister in Budapest. As you know, cable and mail service is open to Switzerland and possibly if you talk with the Cable Company they would assist you in sending a cable which would pass the censor at the same time writing a letter to your friend in Switzerland.

I am very sorry not to be more helpful but should think that working through Switzerland would be the only way for you to get through to Dr. Jaeger.

Sincerely yours,

(sig) George Fell

Acting Executive Director

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